



## LATEST EDITION.

## THE MESSAGE.

Comments of Prominent Members of Congress on the Document

The Silver Coinage Advocates Displeased—Reed of Maine Has His Say—Grand Rush by Missouri Officers—A Plucky Member—Washington News.

To Telecast to the Poor—DISPATCH. Washington, D. C., December 9.—The President's Message does not meet with unmixed approbation from those of his own party, nor is it entirely satisfactory to his political opponents. Western members generally condemn the President's silver policy, while few see fit to take his position. Senator Reed of Maine has his say—“Grand Rush” by Missouri officers—A plucky member—Washington News.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1885.

**AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.**

CRAVEN (Market), bet 5th & Arch—GRANGE PARK

CYBORG (Bway, bet. Walnut and Elm)—Minstrels

FORGE (Ninth and Olive streets)—The Willow Coyer

FROM THE STAGE AND "Walnut street"—The White Slave

GRANGE PARK and Walnut—Prof. Morris Equine and

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MURKIN'S FIRE ARMED AND LOVINGLY—Open daily

STAR HOME—Ninth and Arch

EXPOSITION SEALATION AD—Thirteenth and Olive

MATTERS TO-MORROW.

CASINO—Variety Entertainment

"OUT-LIVING Chicago" is a heading that will deter most of the Tribune's readers from wading into the three column article following it. They know, of course, what utter failure were the recent puny efforts of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Kansas City; that the thing cannot be done, and that there's no use in talking about it.

The pleas and promises with which the old gas companies yesterday besought the Mayor to protect them from impending competition would have been far more convincing and trustworthy if voluntarily presented by them a year or so ago. It is a pity they have waited so long that their suppliant attitude now places them in a very undignified pose and casts suspicion upon all their overtures.

MAYOR FRANCIS made a rather pointed remark to the assembled gas men yesterday after listening for hours to their wordy contentions and propositions, when he ended the pow-wow by saying: "To-morrow I would like to have you gentlemen show me how I can do some thing for the city now, instead of waiting for 1860." The real question is who offers the best guarantee of a reduction in the price of gas right away.

WITH regard to the reduction of taxes Mr. CLEVELAND sticks to his platform far more closely than Mr. TILDEN does. In his messages to the New York Legislature, Mr. TILDEN demanded "prompt and large reductions in Government expenditures and taxation." In 1860 he denounced our present tariff as one which "bear heavily upon every man's income, upon every business and upon every industry." He sees now inclined to continue this tariff in the interest of large expenditures for coast fortifications. But Mr. CLEVELAND, while calling for better pay, insists on a reduction of taxes, and still insists that such a reduction can and should be made by a revision of the tariff with conservative regard for existing industries and the wages of labor.

THE transmission of the message was obstructed by storms yesterday, and the telegraph wires worked so badly that it was not only delayed, but came at last in very bad shape. Yet the Post-Dispatch is half a large part of it on the street at 8 o'clock, and all of the 30,000 words printed in good shape in time for general circulation in its 4 o'clock edition. It remains to be seen whether any evening paper in New York or Philadelphia performed this feat, with all the advantage of nearness to Washington and immunity from the storms that raged over the wires between the Mississippi and the Alleghenies. No other evening newspaper in America has such facilities for gathering and printing news as the Post-Dispatch. The Chicago Evening Journal managed to get the message out in its 5 o'clock edition, but the Chicago Evening News came out at 6 o'clock with only excerpts amounting to less than half of the message.

ON the silver question Mr. CLEVELAND goes only so far as to recommend our joining the other bi-metallic nations in stopping the further coining of silver and resting content with our present bimetallic supply, until we find that more is needed, or until some international agreement can render the free coinage of both metals practicable. He presents very earnestly and forcibly his view of the complications and dangers likely to arise from our overvaluing ourselves with an excess of silver coined at a ratio which will not stand the test of the crucible and which differs from that of any other bi-metallic nation. His position is not by any means that of an extreme mono-metallic or silver deponent. On the contrary, his attitude is approved by many of the most earnest and enlightened advocates of bi-metallic currency with free coinage for both metals on both sides of the ocean.

THE Merchants' Exchange Hall has been freely tendered for the use of national conventions, of Veiled Prophet balls and cattle trade balls. To surrender it to all sorts of festive or charitable purposes would not do. But we believe the public would thoroughly appreciate the generosity that would make an exception in favor of the hall for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief and Fusion Fund. Every few months some gallant St. Louis fireman loses his life in the effort to save the costly buildings and the immensely valuable stocks

of goods that are endangered whenever a fire occurs in the business section of the city. The average duration of life in their hazardous occupation is only ten years, and when one of them is killed or disabled his pay stops and there is no provision for his family. The movement to establish a permanent fund to supply the needed relief in such cases is one of the most commendable charities, and one that surely cannot plead in vain for active aid and encouragement from the business men of this

the St. Louis Gas Light monopoly is not only obtaining no share of the revival, but has actually passed the limit of profitable extortion and is killing its own business by charging "more than the traffic will bear." By putting gas at a fair price it could nearly double the number of its consumers without seriously reducing its profits, yet it persists in making itself odious by putting gas beyond the reach of the common people of this city. The only wonder is that so many submit to the extortion when coal oil is so very much cheaper. It is not at all wonderful that 44,000 residents in St. Louis are occupied by less than 16,000 gas consumers.

**HOW IT READS.**

Formal references to matters in which the general public takes little interest make up a large part of President CLEVELAND's long message. In other parts discussing more entertaining problems, the expectation awakens by the vigor and earnestness with which he states the principles he would apply is shared with his modest reserve in specifying solutions and remedies. Such modesty, however, is not unbecoming, and is rather a guarantee against egoistic rashness in a statement fresh from private life, a President who has never served a term in any legislative body but a Buffalo Board of Aldermen. He strikes straight from the shoulder, and strikes straight home, too, where he feels sure of his position, and many will dissent from his views and the dissenters will be sure to find plenty to cavil at. But we believe that nearly every reader, regardless of differences of opinion, will rise from the perusal of this message as from the perusal of the events of yesterday. Mr. CLEVELAND had previously written—with greater confidence in the man; in his firmness of purpose, in the sincerity and dignity of his aims and in his capacity to grow with the occasion, and to rise eventually to the full height of his responsibilities. It is plainly the message of an earnest, vigilant, industrious and vigorous man who has set himself in the most self-sacrificing way to master all the details and complications of the vast concerns of this great Republic, with the single view of preserving its institutions in their fullest fruition of peace, prosperity and good government for its people. The little bursts of earnestness and sentiment here and there only show that he has sentiments and enthusiasm without being a mere sentimental or visionary. He is not a lay figure there, whatever may be in Congress.

BORAH MACAY is still estimated to be worth \$75,000,000, notwithstanding the able efforts of his brilliant wife and his dissolute son-in-law to send him to the poorhouse.

THE TIMES says: "The first toing that strikes you in the President's message is the bold independence with which he has assumed the rôle of a leader in the cause of justice and freedom."

JOHN E. MCLEOD is reported about to begin a new edition of a Democratic morning paper in Pittsburg.

EX-SENATOR WILLIAM C. FARRAR will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his elevation to the Prussian throne on the 3d of January.

STEPHEN B. ELDRIDGE is the only Democrat in his family. Even his children do not agree with his politics. His children all work. Cleveland's color is last year.

CORNISHMAN JOHN R. STOW of Pennsylvania's

Senate committee on public works, has been

selected to be a member of the committee of

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